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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY OFFICE OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLE ENERGY NEPA DETERMINATION



RECIPIENT: Electricore, Inc.

STATE: CA

PROJECT TITLE:

Integrated Simulation Development and Decision Support

Funding Opportunity Announcement Number DE-FOA-0000865

Procurement Instrument Number DE-EE0006332

NEPA Control Number CID Number GFO-0006332-001

Based on my review of the information concerning the proposed action, as NEPA Compliance Officer (authorized under DOE Order 451.1A), I have made the following determination:

CX, EA, EIS APPENDIX AND NUMBER:

Description:

A9 Information and dissemination

Information gathering (including, but not limited to, literature surveys, inventories, site visits, and gathering, analysis, audits), data analysis (including, but not limited to, computer modeling), document preparation (including, but not limited to, conceptual design, feasibility studies, and analytical energy supply and demand studies), and information dissemination (including, but not limited to, document publication and distribution, and classroom training and informational programs), but not including site characterization or environmental monitoring. (See also B3.1 of appendix B to this subpart.)

Rationale for determination:

The U.S. Department of Energy is proposing to provide federal funding to Eletricore, Inc. to develop a simulation and decision support toolset to assist the utility market and real time desk personnel for effective integration of centralized and distributed solar power generation.

Electricore would conduct desk-top level data gathering and analysis and verification though computer modeling to create a support toolset that would assist in the integration of utility-scale and distributed solar generation into utility grid operations. Activities would involve data collection and analysis, materials development and computer modeling.

DOE has determined that this project is consistent with actions covered under DOE CX A9 (information gathering, data analysis, document preparation and dissemination, and computer modeling) and therefore is categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

NEPA PROVISION

DOE has made a final NEPA determination for this award

Insert the following language in the award:

If you intend to make changes to the scope or objective of your project you are required to contact the Project Officer identified in Block 11 of the Notice of Financial Assistance Award before proceeding. You must receive notification of approval from the DOE Contracting Officer prior to commencing with work beyond that currently approved.

Note to Specialist:

NEPA review completed by Laura Margason on August 14, 2013.

This NEPA Determination does not require a tailored NEPA provision.

SIGNATURE OF THIS MEMORANDUM CONSTITUTES A RECORD OF THIS DECISION.

NEPA Compliance Officer Signature:

8/15/2013